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Job outlook bleak for college grads

■ Annual report predicts worst job market in 20 years

By Krista Roznos
el Don Staff Writer

The job market is worse this year than last year for newly graduating college students. Two of the most-watched annual studies

that deliver job predictions agree that fewer jobs exist for college graduates, and that people still searching for jobs from the class of 1991, in addition to experienced laid-off workers, are flooding an already-saturated market.

A 1992 Northwestern Lindquist-Endicott report predicts the worst job market in 20 years. And a report issued by the Children's Defense Fund says all young workers, not just graduating seniors, are typically the first to lose jobs, both corporate and otherwise.

The crunch is expected to be the worst this

summer when students seek jobs in restaurants, factories and professional internship programs.

According to the CDF study, the unemployment rates for workers under 25 during the first five months of 1990, compared to the first five months of 1991, jumped from an average of 11.1 percent to 13.4 percent, accounting for a loss of almost 500,000 jobs.

Lindquist-Endicott reported that among the 259 mid-sized and large companies surveyed, 69 percent say they expect a decline in business in 1992; 36 percent say they plan to cut their professional staff this year, and

49 percent report already making such cuts in 1991.

Victor Lindquist, author of the 46-year-old study and associate dean at Northwestern University, also notes some trends in hiring practices.

"Forty-five percent of the corporations are reducing both the number of schools visited and the number of interviews scheduled in 1992," he said. "Fifty-two percent cut their hiring quotas in the middle of 1990-91 school year as business conditions worsened."

A 1991 Recruiting Trends report for Michigan
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LSD:

It's B-a-a-a-ck...

■ The drug made popular back in the '60s is as controversial as ever as it reappears on college campuses.

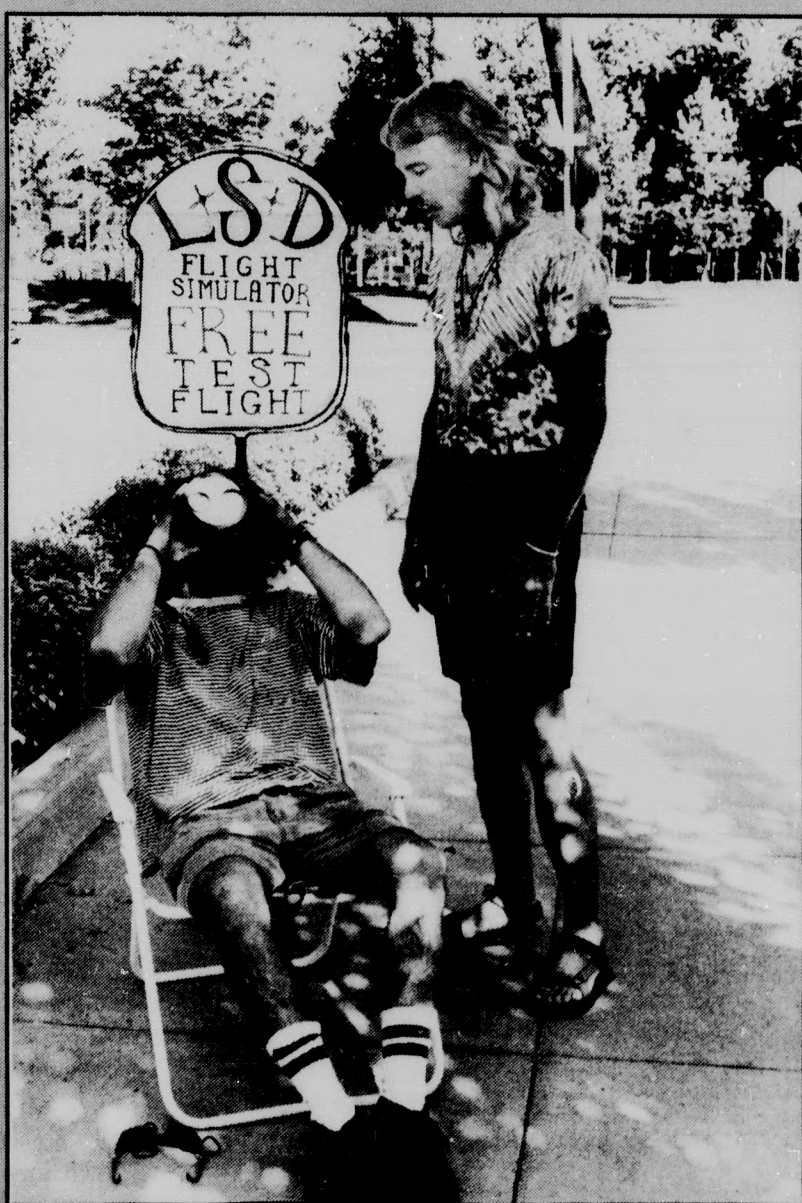
By Amy Reynolds
Special to el Don

(CPS)-LSD's kaleidoscope colors, shapes and designs - as well as its darker sides - are revealing themselves again to college students in the 1990s.

Although many thought the controversial drug died with the hippie culture of the 1960s, LSD is far from gone.

"How did LSD creep out of Bohemia into an upper-middle class frenzy? It was advertising," said Dr. Daniel X. Freedman, professor of psychiatry and psychology at UCLA, who has researched the effects of LSD on the brain since the late 1950s. "I saw LSD discovered 17 times in the popular press between 1960 and 1965. ...Part of it is the allure of this odd experience. There is definitely some renewed interest. I can tell you that from my telephone."

Known as one of the nation's experts on the drug, Freedman said that although LSD never went away, it is certainly back in vogue among drug users, scientists, the media, drug counselors and enforcement



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GROOVY - Kelly Green, right, markets the LSD Flight Simulator, a toy that artificially produces some visual effects of the drug.

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agents.

One user who asked to remain anonymous agreed. "LSD has definitely gone more mainstream," he said. "People are seeing the light."

At a recent national conference in San Francisco that addressed the renewed popularity of the drug, Robert Bonner of the Drug Enforcement Agency offered his reason for the upsurge.

"Kids today really have no knowledge of the adverse effects of LSD.

And I'm afraid it's been said those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it," Bonner said.

Since 1938, when Dr. Albert Hofmann synthesized lysergic acid diethylamide in Switzerland, the drug has been called everything from "God in a pill" to the ultimate illusion of hell. Opinion toward the drug is still divided.

Social psychologist Lloyd
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Burglars leave no clues in Cook Gym break-in

More than \$6,000 stolen in athletic gear

By Debi Carr
el Don Staff Writer

SANTA ANA, Campus - More than \$6,000 in athletic uniforms and equipment were stolen Thursday when burglars broke into a storage room in Cook Gym.

According to J.R. Johnson, chief of security, the burglars used wire cutters to pry open the thick metal mesh which covers the glass enclosed equipment area. He said the thieves then gained access through a small window which is used to pass equipment through.

Johnson said there were no visible signs of forced entry into the gym, leaving authorities to speculate that the burglars had access to a key.

Nancy Warren, physical education/activities coordinator said, "Very few keys are out." She thinks that possibly the burglars had

somehow managed to evade the custodian until he left for the evening.

But according to Johnson, the custodian maintained that the building was secure when he locked up.

Thomas Williams, locker room attendant, discovered the theft when he arrived for work at about 6:30 a.m. He then checked all doors for signs of forced entry and found the building to be secure, according to the security report.

Missing items included several basketball uniforms, 100 sweat suits, two travel bags, water polo caps, four red nylon jackets and tennis warm up suits.

"They piecemealed a certain number of certain sizes," Warren said. "We will be ordering about \$1,300 worth of replacement uniforms. These are absolute need items. The others [uniforms] won't

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State cutbacks helping boost JC enrollment

By Julie Wells
el Don Staff Writer

SANTA ANA - Because of major cutbacks and high fee increases that the Cal State and UC systems are experiencing, many students are choosing to attend a community college to complete general education requirements.

This enrollment is reflected in a 13.5 percent increase in student population at RSC from spring 1991. Translating to an increase of 3,200 students district wide according to RSC's office of admissions.

"When the economy goes through

a recession, such as the one we in Orange County are currently experiencing, enrollment in a community college is going to increase," said Dr. Harold Bateman, dean of admissions.

Other community colleges in the surrounding areas are also feeling the increase but none as significantly as Rancho.

Saddleback Community College experienced a 2 percent enrollment increase from their last Spring semester.

Fullerton Community College has increased by 4.5 percent since last spring.

College Wire

Barry Kicks Off Campaign In Iowa

IOWA CITY, Iowa (CPS)-Greeted at the airport by a man holding a sign - "Dave Barry: He won't vomit at state dinners" - Dave Barry kicked off his presidential campaign Feb. 6 at the University of Iowa.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for the Miami Herald arrived two-and-a-half hours late after missing his plane, but still managed to squeeze in a press conference, a debate and State of the Union address.

During his press conference, Barry said that he would appoint University of Iowa President Hunter Rawlings as secretary of state. "If he misses three Cabinet meetings, he's out. That's the rule. I'm going to be that kind of law-and-order president," Barry said.

Barry's campaign manager, Ted Habte-Gabr, an Ethiopian exchange student, greeted the candidate with the Barry-mobile, a rusted Honda Accord with "Barry 92" license plates.

Later, several Iowa students dressed in trench coats, shiny black shoes and dark glasses whisked their presidential choice into a black limo and off to an Iowa pig farm.

Head Was A Hunk...Of Roast Beef

CHICAGO (CPS)-University of Illinois at Chicago police say they've solved the mystery of an art exhibit that students say was the head of a human cadaver wrapped in plastic.

Artist Rudy Vargas originally claimed that he had stolen the head from the medical school. But, Lt. John Otomo, head of UIC investigations, said he is satisfied that Vargas' later explanation is actually the truth. Vargas now says his October exhibit was really a head that he carved out of roast beef.

Vargas told police that he made up the human head story "to add to the atmosphere of his piece," Otomo said.

Although witnesses of the exhibit at the school's undergraduate art gallery said they were convinced the head was real, Otomo said that most couldn't positively say that it was a human head.

The other reason police gave for believing Vargas' roast beef explanation is that the medical school did not report any missing cadaver heads.

— Contributed by the *Chicago Flame*.

'Meatout' Scheduled March 20

(CPS)-A number of celebrities, including cartoonist Berke Breathed, actor River Phoenix and singer Chrissie Hynde, have urged people to kick the meat habit - at least for a day - on March 20.

The seventh Great American Meatout is sponsored by the Farm Animal Reform Movement.

According to FARM, the purpose of the event is to alert people to "factory farming" practices and to encourage "a less violent, more wholesome diet."

More than 1.5 million Americans suffer or die from chronic diseases that have been linked to animal fat and meat, FARM says. In addition, raising animals for food wastes topsoil, groundwater and valuable grain, the group contends.

SEC To Ban Tobacco Products

(CPS)-The Southeastern Conference has announced that it will ban the use of tobacco-related products at both conference and post-season tournament baseball games, the NCAA News reports.

The ban goes into effect this season, and gives umpires the power to eject any players or coaches who violate the rule after one warning.

SEC Commissioner Roy Kramer told the NCAA News that the conference adopted the measure after reviewing results of studies that show adverse effects of using tobacco products, particularly chewing tobacco, which is popular among baseball players.

The NCAA has a policy against the use of tobacco products by both players and coaches during NCAA championship competitions.

More Blacks Hold College Degrees

WASHINGTON (CPS)-The percentage of the nation's black population completing four or more years of college is increasing steadily, according to a report released by the Commerce Department's Census Bureau.

The proportion of blacks age 25 and over who hold a college degree rose from 10.7 percent in 1987 to 11.8 percent in 1989. The proportion who were high school graduates in 1989 was 64.6 percent, higher than the 1985 rate.

Miami Researchers Honor Nation's First Black Pilot

OXFORD, Ohio (CPS)-Six students at Miami University have launched a nationwide campaign to publicize the story of Bessie Coleman, the first black to become a licensed pilot in the U.S.

The students are distributing information packets about Coleman, who earned her flying license in 1921, to schools, libraries and museums throughout the country. Their goal: to get a U.S. postage stamp issued in her honor.

Coleman, born in Texas in 1893, was the 12th of 13 children. She attended flight training in France and returned to the United States to open a flying school to teach other blacks to fly.

A mechanical failure on her plane caused her death during a test flight in Florida in 1926 when she was 33.

Taking a turn



Cindy Licerio / el Don Photo

UP IN THE AIR - Orange County residents took advantage of the recent heat wave by heading for the great outdoors. The Fun Zone in Balboa offered these visitors a ride with a harbor view.

Note This

Athlete continued to play despite rape allegations

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (CPS)-A Florida Board of Regents inquiry has revealed that a star basketball player continued to play for the University of South Florida although it was alleged that he had harassed, battered or raped six women.

The report charged that top university administrators knew of the charges and withheld information to allow Marvin Taylor to continue to play basketball.

Dan Walbolt, a vice president and supervisor of the school's athletic program, resigned under pressure Jan. 31 after the regent's report charged that he intervened in the case to get charges dropped against Taylor.

Waltolt wrote in a report that one of the victims decided to "recant" her charges, although the woman insists she did not.

University President Francis Borkowski faces an appearance before a regents investigative panel to explain the school's handling of the case.

A special committee made up of the university's Faculty Senate last year demanded an accounting of the allegations made against the athlete.

Last month, Chancellor Charles Reed commissioned a task force of university system officials to review the case. Their report was released in late January.

The 60-page document will go to the regents' Access and Equity committee meeting in Tallahassee in February. It

was expected that Borkowski would agree to making 17 changes suggested by the report.

"Our conclusions are that good management was not used, and the students were not treated fairly," said Patrick Riordan, spokesman for the Florida Board of Regents. "It is time for deep and sweeping change."

The controversy centers on a case of sexual battery alleged to have occurred Oct. 29, 1989. The female student reported the incident immediately and later the same day, another female student charged that Taylor knocked her to the ground and kicked her in the stomach.

Taylor was then suspended for several weeks. The first victim reported later that Taylor's fellow team players harassed her so much that she dropped the rape charges. The chancellor's report indicates that she reported the harassment to the university and was ignored.

"She clearly needed someone on her side who would stay with her, so she got cold feet," Riordan said. "The university appeared to be delighted that she withdrew her complaint."

Most of the other women who made allegations against Taylor have withdrawn their allegations. One young woman was so intimidated that she withdrew from school.

According to the report, Taylor played basketball in three games between Nov. 21 and Dec. 4 1989, while on suspension.

Taylor remained on campus until he was suspended for violating an athlete's curfew. The report notes that Taylor was "removed from the basketball team, and the university."

JOBS:

Studies predict bleak future for new college grads in recession plagued job market

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igan State University, which includes information from 464 businesses, industries and governmental agencies nationwide, reported, "because of more competition among the college graduate population, students will have to be better prepared by getting good grades, working in cooperative education programs or internship positions, and being better able to 'sell themselves.'"

Additional information from the Michigan State study includes:

- A prediction of a healthy job market with good growth opportunities for engineering, computer science and nursing/health care

services graduates, with fewer opportunities for liberal arts and business administration graduates.

- A finding that about 29 percent of the new college graduates hired in 1990-91 had no prior career-related work experience. Additionally, about 74 percent of employers say they select interns and students in cooperative programs with the intent of hiring them after graduation.

Joe Dias, job placement officer at Rancho Santiago College, agrees that work experience is important. He encourages students to seek out companies willing to give internships and to take part-time jobs related to their field of interest.

"Students may need to lower their expectations while job-seeking and accept less money or start from the bottom and work their way up. There are jobs out there, but there are stipulations. If you are willing to make sacrifices, chances are, you will be successful," said Dias.

According to Dr. Lee Broadbent, senior counselor at the California State University at Fullerton Job Placement Center, the job market is moderately bad, but it is better in Orange County than in Los Angeles.

"It is worse now than it was two years ago, but it may be getting better in the fall. We have more companies calling us that want to come and recruit on our campus."

He adds that "there are jobs, but the competition is strong. A student needs good work experience. Good grades and internships are powerful."

BREAK-IN:

Baseball uniforms, Tennis gear targeted by thieves

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be replaced until later because the season is over."

"It's very disheartening," Warren said. "We were just getting ready to hand out some of those uniforms."

Warren said that possible solutions to securing the equipment room would be replacing the mesh, installing vertical bars behind the glass and installing a roll down locking cage behind the vertical bars.

"If they really, really want to get in, I guess nothing will stop them," Warren said.

No summer time blues for RSC students

All classes will go on as scheduled, Vice Chancellor says

By Thea Gavin
el Don Staff Writer

SANTA ANA - With some local community colleges cutting summer programs in half due to the state's budget crunch, RSC faces increased crowding this summer, according to Carter Doran, vice chancellor of academic affairs.

While no cutbacks are planned for RSC, Doran said that new classes will not be added as has been the pattern for the last three years. From 1989 to 1991, the number of summer classes at RSC increased by 20 percent.

"It's going to be a tremendously crowded summer session," Doran

predicted, as students from schools with fewer classes look to RSC as the place to earn extra units over the summer.

John Walker, dean of instruction at Fullerton College, said, "It appears we're going to be cutting out a large portion" of Fullerton's summer schedule.

Instead of two sessions, Walker said that Fullerton will only offer one summer session this year, and that session would be cut by about 10 percent compared to last year.

Saddleback College faces a similar scenario, with only one 8-week summer session planned instead of the usual two sessions, according to the college's public information

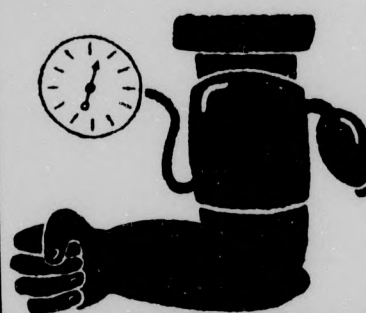
office.

At Orange Coast College, summer classes will be maintained at the 1991 level, said Dan Casey, administrative dean of instructional services. Casey noted, however, that last summer's schedule was reduced by 30 percent from the summer of 1990.

On the university level, "Nothing has changed," said Ruth Truman, director of program services at California State University, Fullerton. Summer school at CSUF is self-funded by student tuition, Truman said, and since no state money is involved the university's summer session is not affected by any state funding cutbacks.

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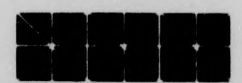
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Special Report

LSD:

■ Allure of '60s helping to bring drug back into vogue with '90s youth

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Johnston, principal investigator of a University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research annual study that documents drug use among college students, said LSD was "one of the earliest drugs to fall from popularity because of concern about adverse effects such as flashbacks, bad trips, and possible neurological and chromosomal damage. However, these were concerns of an earlier generation."

That generation is the one now concerned about the growing trend of use, especially by college students, even though the increase in and overall use of LSD is certainly nowhere near epidemic proportions.

According to the most recent data released by the Michigan institute, LSD use among college students has risen from 3.4 percent in 1989 to 5.1 percent in 1991, one of the few drugs with an increase in reported use.

The percentage of all young people who ever tried the drug has dropped since 1975, the year the annual study began. In 1975, 11.3 percent reported trying LSD. That figure dropped steadily to 7.2 percent in 1986, but has slowly rebounded since, with 8.8 percent reporting experimentation in 1991.

The study shows that the typical LSD users are upper-class white males.

According to figures from the Drug Enforcement Administration, arrests and seizures of LSD have increased as well - 205 arrests for fiscal 1991, which ended Oct. 1, compared with 103 arrests in fiscal 1990.

Scientists generally agree that today's users are aware of the effects of the drug and, as a result, are more responsible.

According to toxicologists, LSD is much safer now because users tend to obtain LSD that is more pure and use it in smaller dosages than their '60s and '70s counterparts. Most people who trip socially also have an experienced user who serves as a "trip master." That person's job is to monitor a group's use of the drug and help "talk down" someone on a bad trip. One effect of the drug is a high level of suggestibility.

In 1943, discoverer Hofmann was the first person to try the drug and report its unusual effects, which include hal-

Trips you can't book from any travel agent

(GPS) - Kelly Green's business is hallucination.

It started 12 years ago, when the self-proclaimed Colorado ski bum was tripping on LSD. He walked by a library and decided to research the drug.

"Then I went back when I was straight," Green said. The information he gathered there, along with a gadget he discovered while on a boat on Lake Powell in Utah, resulted in the Kaleido-Sky, a plastic toy for adults.

The Kaleido-Sky, also called the Day-Dreamer, or the LSD Flight Simulator, produces one of the effects of LSD without having to take the drug.

The toy that Green came across at Lake Powell was sort of metal plate with a blade on it, a primitive version of his LSD flight simulator. Green said the device was so unusual and entertaining to him and his friends, who fought over the

toy for three days, that he figured it had some serious potential.

"In my laughter, I was thinking, this thing must be illegal," he said.

It wasn't, and he managed to locate the patent-holder, a former student at the University of Colorado in Boulder, a hippie who had moved to California and was living in a tent. The inventor explained to Green that the device started as a college project, then sold him the rights to the patent.

Green simplified the device and eventually began selling them across the country, primarily to college students.

"I sell a lot in college towns and at Grateful Dead concerts," he said.

The toy is simple to use - you place it over your eyes, blow into a small tube that powers an inner disk, which spins and causes the flickering of sunlight through eyeholes cut in the toy's mold. Those flashes of light striking the closed eye pro-

duce the visual designs and bright colors.

Green expects the sale of his toy to pick up now that LSD has become a more popular drug among the college crowd.

"I'm not trying to condone the use of LSD, I'm just trying to simulate the effects of the drug," he said.

Green's strategy is working. He sells about 3,000 of the toys each year, has 30 retailers and works his company, Alpha Odysseys out of his home in Boulder. He said his workers are a bunch of ex-hippie friends who sit around his living room and assemble the toys every three months.

The LSD Flight Simulator sells for \$14.95 plus \$2 shipping, and has been endorsed by LSD guru Timothy Leary.

"It takes the golden signals from our local star and spins them into optical poems," Leary said.

lucinations and enhanced sensory experiences often described as an array of colors, textures and shapes.

Scientists eventually found that LSD's molecular structure closely resembles the structure of serotonin, a brain chemical that helps control and regulate perception, mood, appetite, sleep, anxiety and depression.

Chemicals in the brain, called neurotransmitters, send information from one nerve cell to a receptor site on the next nerve cell, forming an electrochemical communications network in the brain. Serving as on-and-off switches, the different neurotransmitters affect different bodily functions.

Scientists believe that LSD stimulates the serotonin receptors, essentially increasing the user's sensitivity to sensory cues, such as colors, textures and designs, while at the same time decreasing the user's ability to evaluate them.

"The drug would change your perception so that everyday drab reality is far less important than the 'TV in the head' that captures your attention in a psychedelic way," Freedman said.

Freedman said that LSD does not create an effect that isn't already present in the brain. "You can only have a trip that's already in your head," he said.

Because the drug enhances the mental state of the user, the ensuing trip is largely determined by a person's state of

mind when the drug is ingested.

"People ask scientists, 'Please, tell us something awful (about LSD) so we can tell our kids to stop fooling around with the drug,' but we can't," Freedman said. "There is no objective evidence that LSD causes physical damage to the brain."

What is known, though, is that some people experience the effects of the drug days, even years, after use, phenomenon called flashbacks. Although the drug is believed to be safe for well-adjusted users in comfortable settings, scientists say they are not advocating recreational use.

"There is no contribution to the greater good, and for some people, it's bad," Freedman said. "It's hard to manage a trip and be certain it will be successfully endured."

Some users, however, say it's worth the risk.

"Psychotropic drugs open a consciousness to awareness," said Kelly Green, who invented a drug-free toy that simulates the effects of the drug. "It literally opens your eyes to see through the gray smoke that society puts out."

Other users who have successfully inaneuvered their minds through a good trip agree.

"It's a great way to escape reality," said a 23-year-old user who did not want to be identified.

Freedman said, "most want to change their psychic skin and enhance new visions, new learning and new beliefs."

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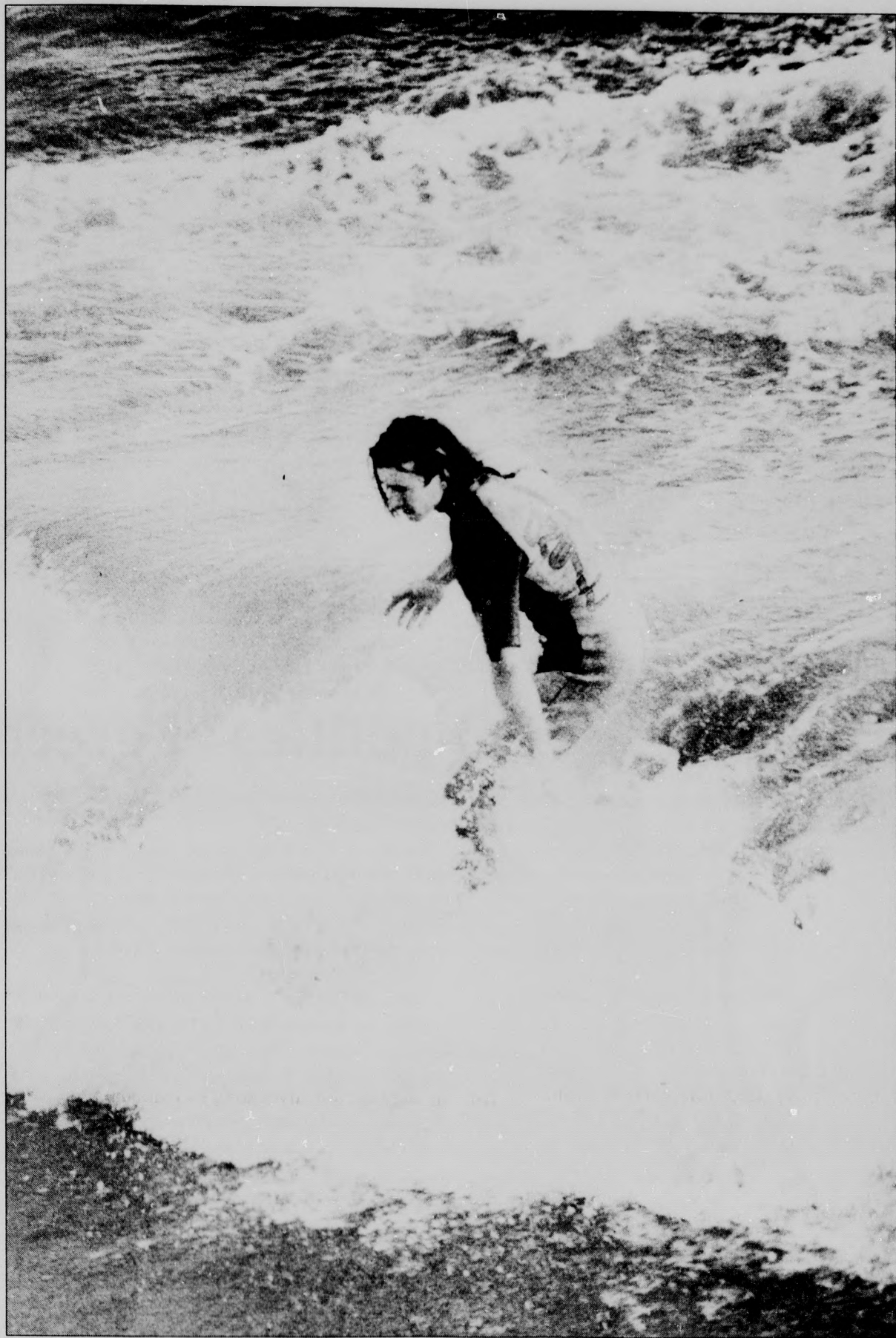
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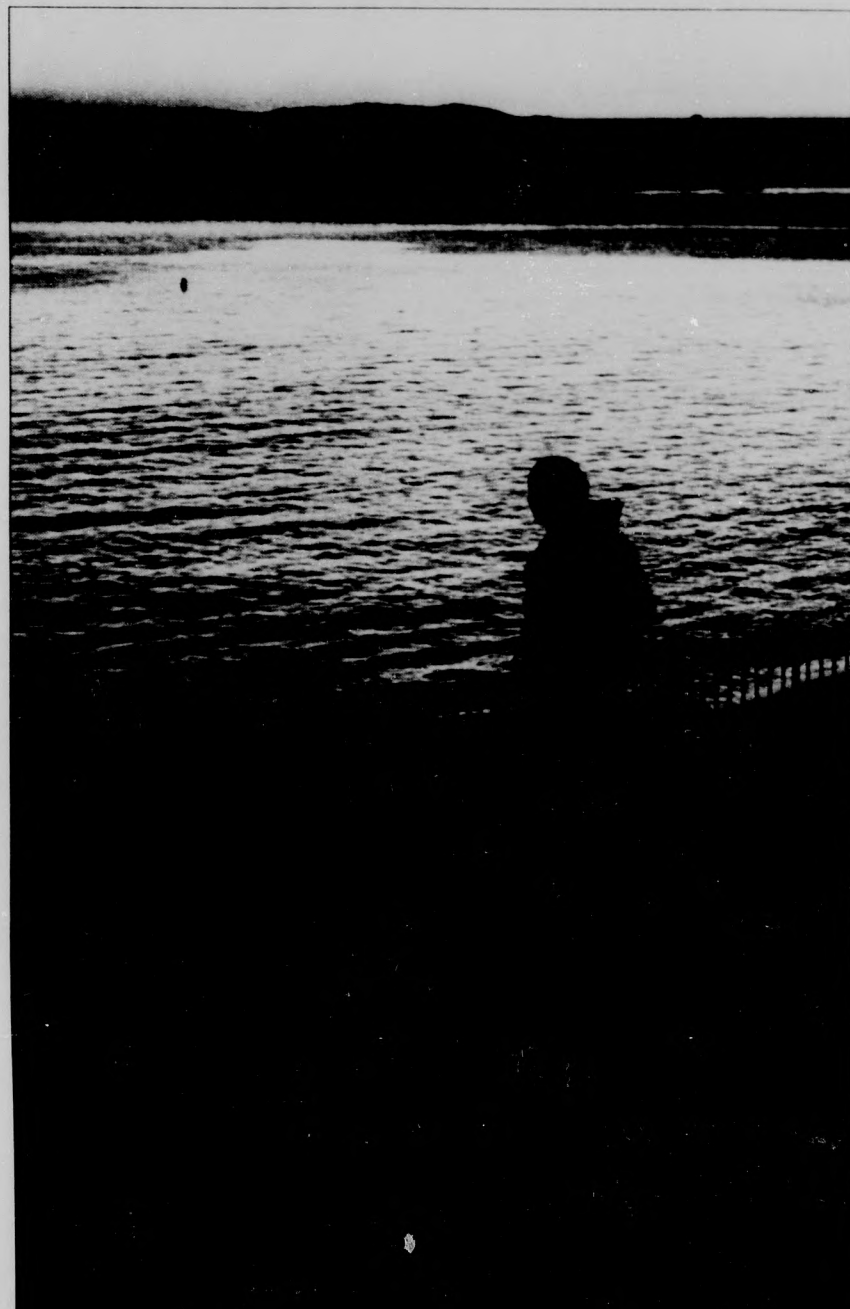
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CATCH IT - Surfing die-hards headed to the county's beaches in droves this week as the recent heat wave provided a perfect backdrop for some of the best surf conditions in recent years.



WASHED OUT - The only water California residents saw this week was at the beaches, a pleasant relief from last week's killer storms.



Out Came The Sun...

Photos by Cindy Licerio

The gods smiled on Orange County this week.

After storms dumped millions of gallons of water on the southland two weeks ago, killing at least seven people, the county's weather took a turn for the best as temperatures shot into the mid 80s.

The summer-like conditions drove scores of county residents outdoors to revel in the sunlight, hoping that the weather may be the first sign of spring.



CASTING AWAY - The summer-like weather that fell on the county this week made it hard for beach lovers to stay away from their favorite sea-side spots.

STAFF EDITORIALS

Should classes have been called on account of rain?

RSC Chancellor Vivian Blevins made the right call when she ordered all RSC sites evacuated Feb. 12.

Torrents of water were pouring over the 4 1/2 foot wall on Bristol Street near Phillips Hall and forced closure of the access road there. The adjacent parking lot was flooded out. Washington and 17th Streets were a mess. There was a distinct possibility that daytime students would be stranded on campus overnight if conditions got any worse. With yet another storm due to hit that evening, Blevins, acting on RSC security chief J. R. Johnson's recommendation, closed the college down.

If you were inconvenienced by the closing of the campus, you were not alone. If you didn't hear about the closing on the radio or by calling the college switchboard and were subsequently turned back at the gate after braving the weather to make a two-hour commute that normally takes you 30 minutes, you may have been mad as hell. But, given the circumstances, we think Blevins and Johnson acted responsibly. Public safety was their No. 1 concern.

Some concern has been voiced about the cost of the shut-down. RSC depends on state funds, based on average daily attendance, for much of its funding. We have been told that the school had already logged more than enough hours to meet the state's funding requirements.

The RSC-Golden West basketball game went on as scheduled that night at Bill Cook Gymnasium. The explanation was that conditions were better around

An intersection could be hazardous to your health

Students parking in the lot off the Bristol Street entrance to the main campus have more to worry about than just getting to class on time or passing a math test. Sometimes they have to dodge incoming traffic.

The Bristol entrance is currently a three-way stop. Cars leaving the campus and cars going North or South must stop. But cars entering the campus from Bristol do not. Therein lies the problem.

The roadway is very busy, particularly during peak hours. There should be a four-way stop there, and a North-South crosswalk.

There is an East-West crosswalk near the intersection, but more of the pedestrian traffic there is North or South bound than East or West.

We urge the administration to take action before somebody is hurt.



Jeanne Barkemeijer de Wit

We should reject politics of greed

Presidents Reagan and Bush may both be fine, well meaning individuals, who love America as much as the next person. However, the policies initiated by Reagan and continued by Bush are slowly dismantling the very fabric of this nation.

More than anything else, the '80s will be remembered as a decade of unremitting greed and excess.

Publicly held companies were bought, sold, and bankrupted at a never before seen clip, all in the name of greedy profits. No matter that the vast majority of these companies were still profitable, or employed tens of thousands.

Mesmerized by skyrocketing interest rates and promises of untold riches, the public fell in love with crooks like Michael Milken, Ivan Boesky and Dennis Levine. The media lauded them as heroes. Students of greed hung on their every word and worshiped them like deities.

It was as if a large portion of America went into a mad orgy of greed. That UC-Berkeley would invite a man like Boesky to speak at a commencement is very telling. That he could utter his now immortal "greed is healthy" speech to such resounding approval and applause is sad and disappointing.

America's rich enjoy a tax rate lower than that of any other industrial nation. While Reagan was in office, the richest were given a five percent drop in federal income taxes, while those who could least

afford it (the poorest five percent) were hit with a 15 percent increase.

Thanks to Reaganomics and de-regulation, savings and loans were allowed to offer ever higher interest to depositors. Not many people realized that main reason S & L's were able to offer such great interest rates, was the even higher interest Milken and other equally unsavory brokers offered on junk bonds. The effect on legitimate banking was devastating.

That this debacle went unchecked for as long as it did is alarming. The most disturbing part is the astounding amount of money lost. At last count it was in the billions, and steadily rising. In the end, the people involved will not be able to pay off the huge S & L debt. That task will fall to the rest of us. And we will be doing so well into the next century.

Never before in the history of the American people, have so many been taken in by so few... at such a great cost to all.

The Declaration of Independence states that we are all created equal and have rights. These rights are established by people voted into office by we the citizens of the United States of America. Laws are made with the consent of the governed (you and me). When the government fails to meet our needs, we have the right to change it.

You and I are the voice of America. It's time we spoke up.

Radioactive waste? Not in our aquifer!

By Chuck Anderson
el Don Staff Writer

State authorities want to build a low-level radioactive waste dump 22 miles west of Needles, in Ward Valley, San Bernardino County. It would be the first radioactive waste dump to be opened in the U. S. since the '60s.

Ward Valley would be the dumping grounds strontium, cesium, plutonium, nuclear medical and industrial research wastes and wastes from nuclear power plants, reactors and nuclear research centers.

California does not need a nuclear waste dump.

There is no safe nuclear waste dump. This must be realized. With the welcomed arrival of international disarmament and the disposal of vast nuclear stockpiles, the problem of mass nuclear waste will soon be upon us. There probably is no answer to this problem. Perhaps we should at least admit that, for the moment. We must not permit a nuclear waste dump be

imposed on California. We want no nuclear catastrophe here.

If we permit a nuclear waste dump site then we will be guilty of permitting not only the poisoning of our land and water but of encouraging further nuclear wastes produced by industries that have little concern for our health or that of future generations. There are other sources of energy. Solar energy, wind, tidal waves, coal, gas and hydro-electric power are all preferable to nuclear energy.

Ward Valley is not a good site for a nuclear waste dump. It is only 15 miles from the Colorado River, where much of our drinking water comes from. The proposed dump site is directly over a subterranean basin, an aquifer of high quality drinking water. Radioactive waste leaking into our drinking and crop irrigation water is unacceptable.

Moreover, the company that would run the dump, U.S. Ecology, also known as American Ecology, has a poor track record. U.S. Ecology and American Ecology have previously been the de-

fendants in court cases involving off-site nuclear contamination, negligence and mismanagement of other radioactive dump sites. Its Sheffield, Ill., dump was closed in 1976. U.S. Ecology attempted to abandon it in 1979 but was forced back into operation by a court injunction. Its dump at Maxey Flats, Ky., was closed in 1977 due to heavy rainfall which caused radioactive spill-over contamination to the area. The site's operation has been taken over by the state government. The clean-up costs are estimated to be up to \$121 million. Evidence of off-site contamination in the ground water wells around its Beatty, Nev., site has been reported by the *Las Vegas Sun*.

Now is the time for citizens to voice their concern and opposition to a nuclear waste dump here. We must write, telephone and petition Gov. Pete Wilson, Senators Alan Cranston and John Seymour and our national representatives voicing our opposition to the proposed Ward Valley radioactive waste dump.

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Abortion:

An American Tragedy

Kari Salo

In *Roe v. Wade*, the U.S. Supreme Court decided that a woman's right to privacy includes the right to choose what happens to her body . . . even to the point of killing her unborn baby that she chose to conceive.

Since 1973, when *Roe v. Wade* was handed down, we have killed approximately 20 million unborn babies.

What I don't understand is why there are so many unwanted pregnancies when there are alternatives and measures that can be taken to prevent pregnancy. What happened to the idea of "choosing" to be responsible in preventing unwanted pregnancy before one decides to partake in sexual activity? It seems so simple. You don't want to dent your car, so don't run into the tree! When it comes to sex, however, we don't think, we don't prepare, and then we discard a human life because it's inconvenient.

If two people are responsible enough to be involved sexually, they must be responsible enough to take measures to prevent the obvious consequences. Yet, we don't and we end up with many unwanted pregnancies.

And, what about the value of human life? We are ready to come to the aid of a whale trapped in the ice in Alaska, birds and sea mammals trapped in an oil spill, but we neglect and ignore the birth rights of our children . . . the most worthy of life, yet the most helpless of them all.

I know, the pro-abortionist movement says this is my body and I can do with it what I want. How do they explain the discarded body parts of a child that has been killed and taken apart piece-by-piece as a result of an abortion? How do they explain the baby in New York that only has one arm because the other one was removed during the attempted abortion? Do they say, this is a part of my body? I beg to differ. These are parts of another body . . . a living, human body . . . in the woman's womb, but a separate body and life altogether.

Is it easier for us to continue to be uninformed and, as a result, discard of human life that we never saw, we never touched, we never heard, than to face what we are aiding in as a society?

The pro-abortionists aren't going to be the ones that educate a mother questioning an unwanted pregnancy, because it's a multi-million dollar industry. The more information given to a mother about the development of her fetus, the more chances she may decide to keep her baby.

The pro-life movement is seeking to educate, however, their message is stifled by an often bias media. The information is out there, one just needs to be brave enough to seek it. Unfortunately, it seems like it is easier to remain ignorant. However, babies are being killed everyday as a result of our ignorance.

If we realize in full what we are doing to these children that are denied the right to live, and we still don't take measures to protect them, then I fear the direction we are heading.

If we can't protect life inside the womb, how can we protect life outside of the womb?



William S. Thomblison

Only rarely is a moral problem one of good verses evil. More often the problem that we must forsake the good to embrace the better and, unfortunately, even more often that we must choose one evil to avoid an even greater one.

So it is with abortion. Every abortion is a tragedy. But sometimes an abortion may avoid an even greater tragedy.

Let's not let rhetoric confuse the issues.

People who would take away a woman's right to choose an abortion label their opponents as "pro-abortion" and their own position as "pro-life."

I know of no one who is genuinely pro-abortion — no one, for example, who thinks that we should have more abortions, no one who thinks that everybody, or at least every woman, should have one.

Many, though of course not all, opponents of choice, moreover, are hardly pro-life. Take President George Bush, for example. He says he pro-life. But that did not stop him from advocating greater use of capital punishment, with less opportunities for appeal, which would lead to more executions, including more executions of innocent people. Nor did it stop him from leading this nation into a tragic and completely unjustified war, in which thousands of innocent people were killed. And many of his "pro-life" allies supported him on both issues or opposed him only because he did not advocate even more killing.

People who would give the government control over the abortion decision, and women's bodies, usually claim that they are protecting the baby's right to life. This another example of deceptive rhetoric.

In the first place, it's not really babies they are trying to protect. They claim that life begins at conception, which leads them to oppose not only first trimester abortions but many methods of birth control, including the "morning after" pill. But a fertilized egg is no more a baby than an egg salad sandwich is a chicken dinner.

In the second place, the rights they claim for the embryos and fetuses are much greater than those that any reasonable person would grant to real human beings. Suppose, for example, that an adult had to be attached to your body for nine months or die. Although it would be nice if you allowed him to do this, surely he could not require you to do so.

There are many things we can do to reduce the need for abortions. We can support the efforts of scientists who are seeking more effective methods of birth control. Although the figure may be exaggerated, I've heard that around 50 percent of all abortions occur after contraception has failed. We can support efforts to make sex education, including lessons on sexual responsibility, more effective. And begin it earlier. Girls as young as 11 and 12 are getting pregnant. We can also work to make alternatives to abortion, such as adoption and single parenting, more desirable.

Thea Gavin

A bright IDEA to pay for college

Students from California State University, Long Beach recently dumped a load of trash into the middle of a CSU trustee meeting to protest the latest round of proposed tuition increases. The real garbage is that these students have been raised to believe that they are entitled to a taxpayer-subsidized education.

Recent economic hard times (read: less tax money flowing into state coffers) have been an eye-opener for the public as state officials try to bridge the gap between the real cost of a higher education in California and what is actually charged to students as fees.

According to the Shirley Ralston, RSC trustee, the real cost to state taxpayers for each student in the UC system is \$13,704 per year. CSU costs are \$5,909 per student per year. Have you heard any students protesting the fact that their tuition fees are only a fifth of the actual UC costs, and less than a quarter of CSU costs?

At the community college level, the difference in tuition vs. costs is even more pronounced: \$120 in student fees per year against real costs per student of \$3025 annually, a measly 4 per cent of the actual cost.

California's community colleges, with their "open access" policy that admits anyone over 18, surely attract the most motley collection of non-scholars imaginable. These unmotivated party animals don't participate in class, do homework or prepare for tests. They populate far too many classes, wasting the time of teachers and fellow students and wasting the dollars of taxpayers who are subsidizing their juvenile behavior.

For many, community college is an inexpensive way to stay on mom and dad's health insurance policy while avoiding adult responsibilities. Would these pseudo-students treat school so lightly if it were costing them three grand a year?

It's time to start charging students the real cost of a higher education — which in itself could be learning experience number one, that nothing in life is free.

Since this would put the up-front cost of education out of reach for many, there is room for the government to help, by administering a loan program like the one now being discussed in Congress.

Called IDEA, the Income-Dependent Education Assistance Act is a "new and radically different" student loan program, according to the proposal's author, Tom Petri (R-Wis.). IDEA would make student loans available to all, with less bureaucratic paper-pushing than the current system with its "family needs analysis" formula that excludes many middle class families.

Repayment of IDEA loans would begin upon leaving school. Payment amounts would be flexible, based on the graduate's income level, and loan collection would be handled by the IRS as an income tax.

With a program like this, higher education would still be available to all, but only those availing themselves of college would pay for it. This would make it a more valuable experience for serious students and less of a burden to state taxpayers.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

From lasting machines to the blood bank

■ Just a few of the many contributions that African-Americans have made to civilization



By Kim Nelson
el Don Staff Writer

Many black Americans have made outstanding contributions to society. Here are some all-too-brief accounts of a few of these men and women.

While facing danger and possible death (at one time \$40.00 was offered for her capture), **Harriet Tubman** put her life on the line to help abolish slavery. She became one of the most famous "conductors" on the Underground Railroad, making 19 secret trips into the swamps through the dark of night, risking her life and newly found freedom to guide more than 300 slaves to freedom.

W.E. B. DuBois was instrumental in the founding of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

His fame rests mainly on his brilliant articulation of the black protest; he took the high ground, urging forthright protest against every white injustice.

"I am resolved to be quiet and law abiding, but to refuse to cringe in body or soul, to resent deliberate insult, and to assert my just rights in face of wanton aggression," he said.

Another great black leader of the period was **Booker T. Washington**, the first president of Tuskegee Institute, one of the nation's leading colleges. Washington adopted a stance of accommodation that tolerated segregation and discrimination, believing it best not to protests against the obvious oppression.

He felt that by securing an education and gaining

economic security, blacks would win the respect of whites and thus gain recognition of blacks' own constitutional rights.

T. Thomas Fortune was a leading militant editor, journalists and supporter of Booker T. Washington.

During his boyhood he was introduced to politics and journalism and spent hours in the offices of local newspapers, where he learned the printer's trade and developed a fascination with newspaper.

His formal education was meager, being largely self-taught. Yet he developed a distinctive literary style few could match.

He said in an editorial in 1883, "we do not ask any special favor from the American government or people. But we do demand that impartial justice which is the standard reciprocity between equals."

Ida B. Wells-Barnet grew up in a politically active family during Reconstruction. She is best known for her work as a civil rights leader in her campaign to abolish lynching when the philosophy of accommodation was at its peak.

Wells-Barnet was a feminist who devoted most of her time promoting suffrage for women. She founded the first black women's suffrage organization.

Less publicized but, of no less importance, were the contributions made by Black scientists, inventors and scholars.

Richard Greener, the first black to graduate from Harvard, was admitted to the South Carolina bar in 1876 and became the dean of Howard law school in 1879.

Greener urged freedmen to migrate from the South, arguing that the reducing in the work force would benefit those who stayed behind. He saw the migration as a way that African-Americans could gain both economic benefits and political liberty. Greener also served as the U.S. consul in Vladivostok, Russia, and Bombay, India.

Jan Matzelinger came to the United States early in the 1870s from Dutch Guiana.

Disturbed by the amount of time it took to last shoes by hand, he began to work at night on a machine to do this exacting labor. It took ten years to perfect a method of attaching the uppers of the shoes to the sole by machine as smoothly as hand-lastors could.

In 1883 Matzelinger patented his lasting machine, which revolutionized the shoe industry. His method of manufacturing shoes was adopted around the world.

Dr. Charles Drew was the father of the blood bank and the first director of the American Red Cross blood bank program.

As a leading authority on the preservation of blood plasma, Drew directed the medical division of the British Blood Transfusion Association. During the World War II he aided the American Red Cross and was the surgical consultant for the U.S. Army.

To select a few great black Americans out of thousands to highlight some of the outstanding contributions made by blacks in our society doesn't even touch the surface. Yet without their unrelenting drive in their struggle to achieve equality and perfection we as Americans would not be living the comfortable lives we live today.

WORTH KNOWING

Beauty and the Beast is the first animated film ever to receive an Oscar nomination for best picture.

SOME OF LIFE'S LITTLE

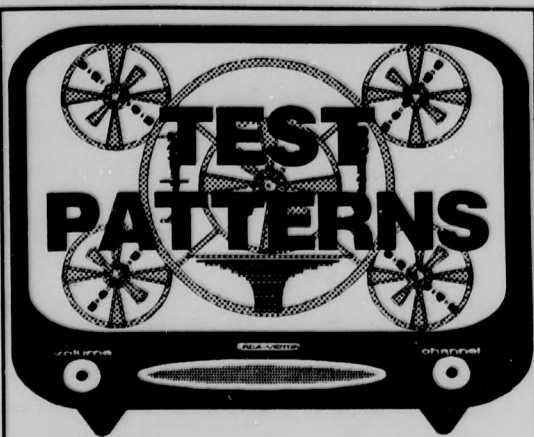
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WORTH REPEATING

"I have offended God and mankind because my work didn't reach the quality it should have."
— Leonardo de Vinci, as he lie on his deathbed.

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Roots honored

By F. Colin Kingston
el Don Editor in Chief

Roots, the television mini-series based on the late Alex Haley's Pulitzer Prize-winning book, will be honored by the Museum of Television and Radio on March 18. Scheduled before Haley's untimely death, the tribute features cast and crew members from the classic mini-series. The 70-year-old Haley was scheduled to appear at the tribute but he died unexpectedly on Feb. 18.

In *Roots*, Haley traced his family history back six generations to the capture of Kunta Kinte in 1767 by white slave traders in Gambia, West Africa. Two mini-series were made from the book, which chronicled the Haley family's journey from slavery to freedom and beyond.

Haley began his writing career penning love-letters for fellow crew members in the Coast Guard in 1939. By 1952 Haley had become chief journalist, a position the guard created specifically to take advantage of his talents. Haley retired from the guard in 1959 and began his career as a freelance writer.

Prior to *Roots*, Haley conducted a series of interviews with black Muslim leader Malcolm X. Those interviews lead to a book and set the standard for what has become known as the *Playboy* interview. The biography, published in 1965, is the basis for an upcoming film on Malcolm X by noted filmmaker Spike Lee.

Haley spent 12 years researching his family genealogy. His efforts paid off in 1977 when *Roots* earned him the Pulitzer Prize in literature. The television mini-series also captured rave reviews and earned five Emmy awards that same year.

An estimated 130 million Americans watched *Roots* when it premiered on ABC in 1977, making it the most popular mini-series in television history. Produced by noted filmmaker David Wolper, *Roots* featured partial frontal nudity for the African scenes, a first for network television.

The \$10 million budget ensured high production values and a top-notch cast. Among the many notable actors featured in *Roots* and scheduled to appear at the tribute were Edward Asner, Madge Sinclair, Louis Gossett Jr., Lloyd Bridges, Chuck Connors and a then unknown 19-year-old actor named Levar Burton.

At the time of his death Haley was wrapping up work on *Queen*, a TV movie named after his grandmother. The special is scheduled to air later this year.

The *Roots* tribute, scheduled for March 18 at 8 p.m., sponsored by the Museum of Television and Radio, will be held at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Tickets are \$15. Call Ticket Master or LACMA for more information.

It is sad and ironic that Alex Haley, a man responsible for doing so much to educate the American public about the contributions of black Americans, should die during Black History Month. His death is a blow to all Americans.

EQUUS: RSC's rendition of Peter Shaffer's play is PAC'd with emotion

By William Stewart Thomblison
el Don Editor in Chief

Seeing RSC's Professional Actors Conservatory Theatre Company's riveting production of Peter Shaffer's *Equus* is a rewarding experience. The entire acting company does an excellent job. Aled Davis and Daniel Trippett in the lead roles and Mark Moyer as Nugget, one of the six horses, are especially good.

In *Equus*, child psychiatrist Martin Dysart (Davis), who says that he is in a kind of "professional menopause," peers into his own soul and that of Alan Strang (Trippett), a 17-year-old boy who has blinded six horses.

The relationship between religion — or, rather, worship — and sex is the central theme of Shaffer's Tony Award-winning play. A secondary, but closely related, theme is the conflict between the constraints of civilization and the more primal instincts.

Alan's inner torment is seen as a product of the continuing conflict between his pious and asexual but permissive mother (Glynna Goff) and his irreligious but morally up-tight and sexually frustrated father (James Rice).

The boy's blinding rage seemed particularly inexplicable, because he seemed to love horses. Indeed, we discover that he, quite literally, worshipped them. A picture of a horse had replaced a picture of Jesus on the way to the cross, which Alan's father had ripped from Alan's wall after an argument with Alan's mother. Similarly, for Alan, *Equus*, the Horse, had replaced Christ as the embodiment of the suffering servant, a noble, powerful being that humbles itself for Alan and somehow expiates his sins and the sins of the world.

Equus had also become a sexual outlet for the boy. He takes secret nocturnal rides, at once ritualistic and orgasmic, wanting to enter into or become one with his mount.

The psychiatrist has dreams in which he sees himself a high priest in Homeric Greece, slicing open hundreds of children and splattering their entrails on the floor of the temple. This he takes as somehow analogous to his work as a child psychologist, opening up and then destroying children's psyches.

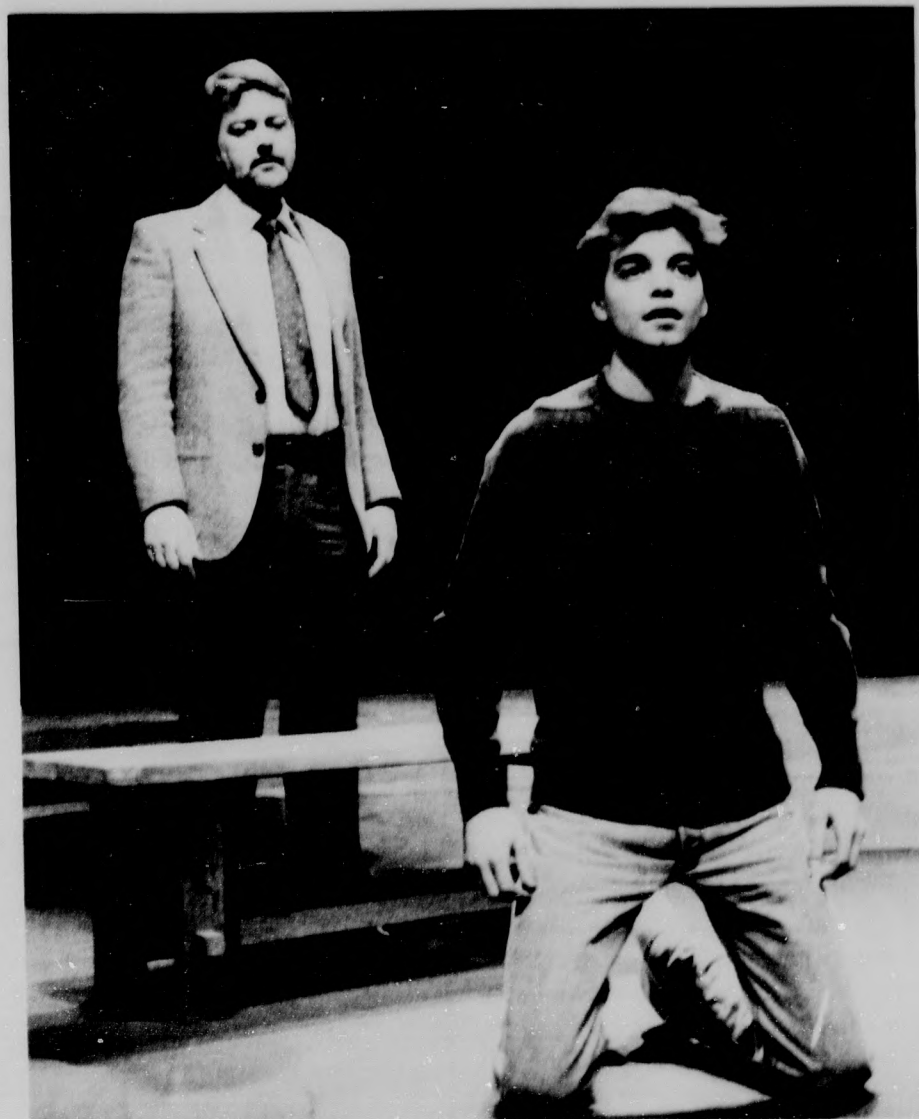


Photo Courtesy of PAC

BLINDING LOVE - Psychiatrist Aled Davies (Martin Dysart) listens to a kneeling Alan Strang (Daniel Trippett) in the PAC Theatre Company production of *Equus*.

Disgusted at his own conventional, boring, middle class existence, Dysart confesses to a friend (Consuelo Aduvico) that he is jealous of Alan. Dysart admires the mythological Greeks, but while he was only looking at pictures of centaurs, Alan was trying to become one. During those nocturnal rides, Dysart says, Alan "felt a passion more ferocious than any I have known."

The crisis comes when Jill (Stacey Cornell), a girl who also works at the stables, tries to seduce Alan. She persuades him to take her to a pornographic movie, where they are confronted by Alan's father, who tries to explain away his own presence there. Then she takes Alan back to the stables, into the barn where the horses are kept. Alan wants to have sex with her, but is unable to do so, for that would desecrate his holy of holies. The horses would know of his sin, of his unfaithfulness.

The blinding of the horses with a spike becomes an act of liberating himself from the Horse-God, since the animals will no longer be able to see his iniquities. It may also serve as an analogy for the Crucifixion.

Dysart knows that he will be able to treat Alan, to make him a normal, hard working, civilized person. But he wonders if being civilized and normal is really best for the boy.

The spartan set of risers and benches and the framework head-pieces worn by the six actors who played horses added to the production.

On the other hand, an opening series of slides, mostly out of focus, projected on the back of the stage, which summarize the events of the night Alan blinded the

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What's up

Flamenco dance with Carla Luna

Dance students of all levels are invited to register for this one day master dance class. Carla Luna is recognized as one of the top Flamenco dancers in the world. Low heel pumps are recommended for women, boots for men. Class will be held in G-108 from 10 a.m. - 12. Registration fee is \$7. Call 564-5641 for information.

Ballet

Elizabeth Molak, former soloist with the world renowned Joffrey Ballet, will be teaching this class for intermediate and advanced students. The class will be offered on Thurs., March 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in G-108 on the main campus. Call 564-5641 for details.

Lunch with the stars

Tessmann Planetarium, located on the main RSC campus, hosts a buffet lunch and show about the wonders of space. \$15 fee

includes planetarium show, daytime solar telescope viewing, a buffet lunch with a revolving star planetarium machine, and Milky Way music. Lunch with the Stars will be held on Sat., March 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 564-6221 for information.

Art Week

Sculpture artist John Outerbridge is the featured artist for Art Week, Spring, 1992. His exhibit, Art: African American. The Southern California Experience runs March 12 - April 2. The reception is scheduled for Wed., March 11 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Bldg. C on the main campus. Call 564-5615.

Classic film festival

Some of the greatest films in Hollywood history are featured in the Sunday Film Festival at the Muckenthaler Cultural Center in Fullerton. Up next is *The Gold Rush* (March 8). The Center is located at 1201 W. Malvern Ave. Call 738-6595 for additional information and scheduling.

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horses, added nothing to the performance. Goff's make-up, at least for the performance I saw, was very badly applied.

Trippett and Cornell are nude in part of one scene. Some of PAC's promotional literature, while warning of strong language and adult situations, fails to mention the nudity.

Equus will be presented tonight and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Phillips Hall, Santa Ana campus.

PAC's next production will be Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Master's thesis is blockbuster

By Amy Reynolds
Special to el Don

(CPS) - When Amanda Silver started thinking about ideas for her master's thesis, she had no idea it would turn into a movie, let alone a successful one.

Silver, who wrote the screenplay to Hollywood Pictures' *The Hand That Rocks The Cradle*, graduated with her master's in screenwriting from the University of Southern California film school in 1989.

The school requires screenwriting students to write a script as their thesis.

"I wanted to write a thriller," Silver says. Playing with the theme of Shakespeare's *Othello*, a play Silver says she "thought would make a great thriller," she decided to focus her thesis "on how one's own doubt could be (his or her) worst enemy."

"My husband suggested using two women...and the nanny came about as a device to get proximity," Silver says, "to get someone close enough to prey on someone's self-doubt."

That is the premise to the film, which features Rebecca DeMornay as the nanny, Peyton Flanders. After the death of her husband and miscarriage of her baby, Flanders tries to start a "new" life - a life that already belongs to Claire Bartel, played by Annabella Sciorra, a working woman and devoted mother and wife.

Silver says the project took her two semesters to complete - one to develop the idea and one to write it. The transformation from thesis to movie came about "because I got very lucky," Silver says.

Her husband, Rick Jaffa, produced the film and helped her with the rewriting process, Silver says. Jaffa, and Silver's own connections as a past executive assistant at Tri-Star Pictures and at Paramount Pictures, helped her land a deal to turn the thesis into a film.

"My (success) story is especially exciting to people struggling in film school," Silver says, because it shows that people can succeed in "the struggle to become an artist."

So far, interviews with audiences after they watched the movie, called exit polls, are showing a high approval rate - 93 percent say they like the film. Most notably, the under 25 crowd has proven more responsive.

"It's a roller coaster ride," Silver says. "People have fun while they're watching the movie. The other thing is that everyone can project their own self-doubts."

Silver is now working on another screenplay, a comedy/drama about the modeling business.

Her advice to young writers: "Write from the heart, don't write what you think other people want. If you want it bad enough, you can get there."

Correction: Our review of "Eye Remember - I Forget" last issue incorrectly identified artist Slater Barron. We apologize for any inconvenience this might have caused.

Movie Review

By Justine Burgess
el Don Staff Writer

From the very beginning, *JFK* grabs your attention and keeps you riveted through its conclusion. Despite the confusing torrent of actual film footage of the Kennedy assassination and director Oliver Stone's recreations, *JFK* emerges as a very powerful and thought provoking movie.

The intense speculation and creative research done by the film's main character, New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison (played by Kevin Costner), compels your mind to explore new directions in thought.

Garrison attempts to break what he perceives as the shield of the secrecy surrounding the assassination and bring the truth to the people of the United States. Garrison believes Lee Harvey Oswald could not have been the sole gunman, if indeed he was the assassin at all.

In the course of his probing, Garrison's key witnesses are killed off, usually shortly after talking to him. His marriage hits shaky ground when his wife (played by Sissy Spacek) begins to crumble under the pressure of public ridicule and her husband's obsession

JFK: Stone's film explores assassination



with the ease.

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Costner gives a believable, if not enthusiastic, performance as Jim Garrison. Also giving excellent performances are Sissy Spacek as Garrison's wife, Joe Pesci as psychotic reputed mobster and ex-C.I.A. agent Dave Ferrie, Donald Sutherland as an ex-Pentagon official and anonymous informant, and Kevin Bacon as a homosexual prison inmate whose sexual affairs give Garrison the names for his search.

The movie becomes difficult to follow in parts, and you must look carefully to determine the difference between speculation and reality, but the movie is definitely worth seeing. It is another tremendous credit to director Oliver Stone's career. *JFK* is nominated for 8 Oscars, including Best Director and Best Picture.

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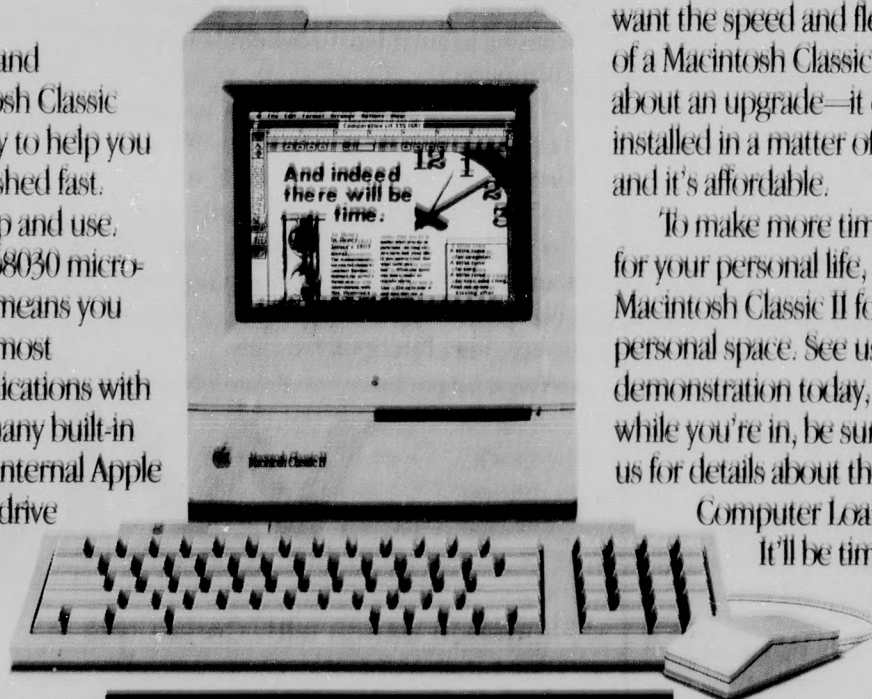
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— RSC Head Coach Don Sneddon on being named assistant coach of the U.S. Olympic baseball team.

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In his first three seasons as RSC head basketball coach, Dana Pagett's teams were 44-50. In his last three seasons, Pagett's Dons are 88-14 and counting - an amazing .863 winning percentage.

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From the front ROOOOW...

By Ev Phillips

Threepeat? Pagett will cross that bridge later

Coach Dana Pagett must be feeling just a little bit of pressure these days. After all, his Dons have won the state title two years in a row and this year's edition is 21-9. Who wouldn't be thinking threepeat?

Not Pagett, not right now.

You see, the tenth-year coach is the type who takes things one step at a time. Before the season, his goal was to build the best team possible going into conference play. Then it was to win the conference.

Now that he has done that, Coach Pagett can focus on the regionals, where three more wins will earn the Dons a trip to the state tournament again. But one loss and it's all over. Pagett knows that and so do his players. They won't be looking past anyone on the way to San Jose.

As for the threepeat, well, ask the coach in about 10 days. In the meantime, we wish him and his players all the best. No matter what happens, it's been a great ride.

Baseball Dons look strong; will be contenders again

The Orange Empire Conference baseball season opened this week with no clear favorite for the title. Despite a slow start, RSC should contend all the way. Don Sneddon's team has four solid starters and six .300 hitters so far. That doesn't include returning all-conference catcher Robin Lindsey, just now getting back into the lineup after an early-season injury. If he approaches last year's numbers (.347, 6 HR and 32 RBI's), the Dons could win going away.

Based on pre-season play, several teams will also be tough. Defending state champion Cypress was 10-3, Riverside 7-3, Fullerton 7-3-1 and Orange Coast 5-1. Golden West and Saddleback are no slouches either.

It's going to be an exciting season. Go see a few games. You'll be glad you did.

Dons hoping for third straight title

Rancho finds itself in the hunt for another state championship

By Ricky Robinson
el Don Staff Writer

Rancho Santiago (21-9), two-time defending state basketball champions, begins defense of its title Saturday night at Bill Cook Gym against Glendale (13-15). Game time is 7 p.m.

The Dons are seeded sixth in the 32-team Southern California Regional playoffs. If RSC wins, they will play the winner of the game between No. 22 El Camino (11-13) and No. 11 Mt. San Jacinto (23-9) Wednesday at Bill Cook.

The surviving four teams will advance to the state tournament March 12-14 in San Jose against the top four from Northern California.

The Dons rely on a balanced offense, a tenacious man-to-man defense and a deep bench. Lacking a dominant scorer, RSC tends to live or die with their outside shooting. As proof, the Dons led their opponents by a wide margin in three-point attempts and field goals made.

Here are thumbnail sketches of this year's team:

The Coaches

Dana Pagett Head Coach

Tenth season with Dons. Going for third straight state title. Overall record of 221-98 (.693).

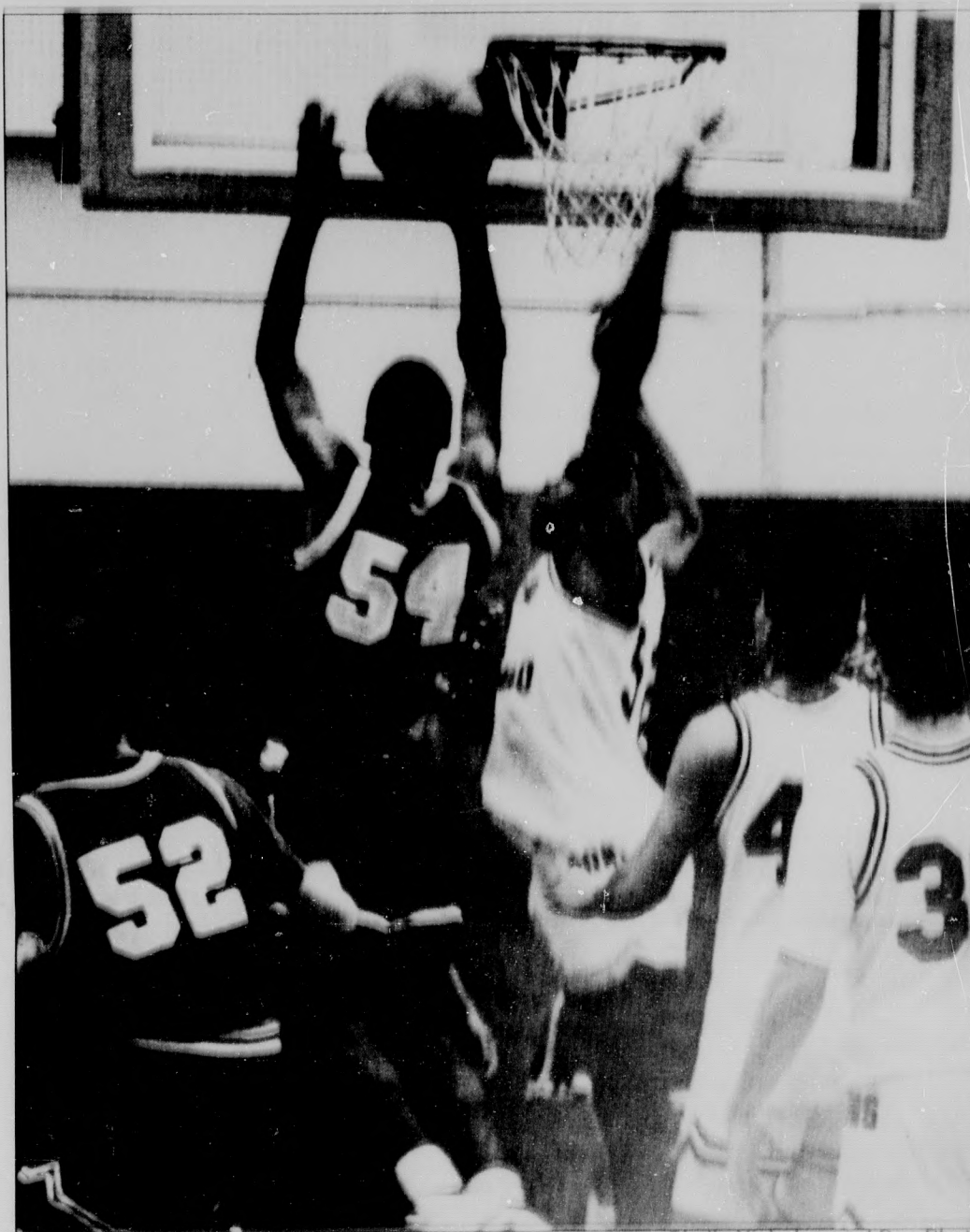
Ray Rodriguez Assistant Coach

Second year with Dons after 14 years as head coach at Valencia High School in Placentia. Orange County Coach of the Year in 1977.

The Starters

Eric Dahl 5-11 G So.

Leads team in three point attempts. Streak shooter who can win games single-handedly



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NOT SO FAST - Center Fred Amos (52 in white) gets ready to block a shot by Fullerton's Marcus Maxey (54) in Feb. 19 game at Cook Gym. Dons Ruben Oronoz (44) and Beau Hossler (30) and Hornet scoring leader Bob Terry (52) look on.

if he's hot. Averages 12.5 ppg.

Glenn Greene 6-0 G So.

Only returning starter from last year. Penetrates and shoots well.

Averages 11.9 ppg and is a 75 percent free throw shooter.

Beau Hossler 6-0 G So.

Starting point guard. Excellent ballhandler. Leads team in assists and steals. Averages 9.3 ppg.

Ruben Oronoz 6-6 F Fr.

Good outside shooter. Leads team with 12.6 ppg. Averages 42 percent from three point range. Needs to stay out of foul trouble.

Rick Swanwick 6-10 C So.

Starting center and leading rebounder. Averages 11.0 ppg and 6.8 rebounds per game. Shoots 49 percent from the field but only 62 percent from the line.

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Column

Magic Johnson is not the only courageous AIDS victim

I saw my first AIDS patient a little over 10 years ago. In those days we knew little about the disease or how it is transmitted. I remember having to gown up from head to toe whenever I went in to treat a patient with AIDS. Pregnant nurses weren't allowed to treat AIDS patients. Some doctors wore visors. Patients were dying, and we didn't know why.

I remember reading about a gay patient who claimed to have had sex with literally thousands of men over the period of a very few years. I was stunned. I kept trying to figure out how any one person could have had sex with that many people. I couldn't.

Because the first AIDS patients were gay, very few people were concerned. To hear them tell it, only straight sex was sanctified by God. No straight person would ever get AIDS. And no straight person would ever be as pro-

Jeanne Barkemeijer de Wit

miscuous as any gay person. People who had never seen patients with AIDS, let alone cared for one, were vilifying them as freaks or perverts. According to them, AIDS was God's retribution to the gay lifestyle. It was appalling.

The '80s was a decade of excess for all of us, not just the gay community. After the thousands who have died, it's sad and ironic that it took a person like Earvin "Magic" Johnson to finally bring that fact home.

I've never met Johnson, but by all accounts he appears to be a fine human being. To say he is loved and admired by many, would be an understatement. I was saddened to hear that such a brilliant career had been stalled by AIDS.

But I would differ with James Worthy. I don't think he's "the most courageous human being who has ever walked into our lives".

Too many other's have fought the battle against AIDS alone and forgotten. These people have done so with a pride and dignity which defies all logic. Most struggle to survive without the money and resources available Johnson. For many, just getting a warm meal is an impossible dream. Calling Johnson "the most courageous" negates their struggle.

In quoting Martin Luther King, Jr., Charles Grantham, executive director of the NBA Players Association, came closer to the truth. "The true measure of a man is not how he behaves in moments of comforts and convenience, but how he stands in times of controversy and challenges." The full measure of "Magic" Johnson is yet to be seen.

Hoops:

Baseball

Dons split first two conference games

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The Reserves

Fred Amos 6-8 F/C Fr.
Reserve center who splits time with Swanwick. Leads team in blocked shots with 29. Struggles at free throw line at 43 percent. Came on strong in latter part of season.

Daryl Cole 6-6 F So.
Good outside shooter and rebounder. Averages 6.6 ppg and 4.2 rebounds. Holdover from last year's state championship team.

J.J. Ballesteros 6-1 G Fr.
First one in for Greene or Hossler. Good outside shooter and ball handler. Averages 6.3 ppg.

Bryan Torrey 5-8 G So.
Good quickness and ball handling skills. Returns from 90-91 team. Received more playing time as season progressed.

Elton Moore 6-2 F So.
Strong rebounder and aggressive defender. Played sparingly.

Jason Janeski 6-7 F/C Fr.
Good outside shooter and rebounder. Playing time limited due mid season illness.

Mike Bradach 6-2 G Fr.
Used sparingly but is a good shooter and jumper. A 76 percent free throw shooter.

Expectations high for former champions

By Ev Phillips
el Don Sports Editor

Defending Orange Empire Conference champion Rancho Santiago opened the 1992 baseball season by splitting their first two games. In the opener against Fullerton, the Dons lost 2-1 in 12 innings, then rebounded with a 9-6 win over Cypress, last year's state champions.

J.J. Thobe pitched well enough to win against the Hornets, but the Dons trailed 1-0 going into the bottom of the ninth. With two out and no one on, RSC's Aaron Butler unloaded a dramatic home run to tie the game 1-1 and send it into extra innings. But Fullerton scored the game-winner on a fielder's choice in the twelfth. David Goldstein (1-2) took the loss in relief.

Against Cypress, the Dons built a 9-1 lead, then had to quell a

Charger uprising in the ninth to escape with a 9-6 win. Righthander Mike Fontana (3-0) got the victory, with Goldstein earning his first save. Chris Richardson led the Dons with a pair of doubles.

Plagued by rainouts in the pre-season, RSC entered the conference schedule with a 5-5 record. Head coach Don Sneddon blamed inconsistent hitting as the Dons' biggest problem in the early going. "I thought hitting would be our forte, but you just don't know until you start playing," he said.

"We're generally a fast-starting club because we work hard all winter to get where we're sup-



Eric Campbell/el Don Photo

CELEBRATION TIME - Aaron Butler (23) gets high fives from Don teammates after blasting a ninth inning game-tying home run against Fullerton. Joining in are Rene Arias (10) and Jeff Richardson (12). Hornets came back to sting Dons 2-1 in 12 innings.

posed to be. But we're a younger club this year, we have a lot of freshmen in there and we don't have a lot of returning sophomore leadership. However, I think we've started to come around. Our pitching has more than held its own and our defense seems to be fine," Sneddon said.

Don statistics through the Fullerton game of Feb. 22 belie the team's overall 6-5 record at that time. The Dons were hitting a solid .290 and had outscored their opponents 54-34. The team ERA was a sparkling 2.52, led by starters Thobe, Goldstein, Fontana and Ryan Filbeck. The staff had allowed only 69 hits in 100 innings with 93 strikeouts and only 39 walks.

Butler was the hitting leader with a lusty .524 average. Freshman David Gonzalez was at .368, utilityman Rene Arias .360, second baseman Octavio Medina .351, shortstop Tito Quiles .333 and first baseman Chris Lugo at .326. Lugo also led with six RBI's and seven doubles in 11 games.

After a game at San Diego City College Saturday, the Dons return to conference action Tuesday at Saddleback and Thursday at Orange Coast, both games starting at 2:30. The next home game is at noon Sat. March 7 against Riverside.

California State Championship Brackets

Bracket One

-Pasadena (15-15)
at Ventura (29-4)
-Riverside (20-13)
at LACC (16-14)
-Rio Hondo (19-12)
at Saddleback (16-12)
-Chaffey (17-12)
at Mira Costa (15-11)

Bracket Two

-Golden West (14-18)
at Antelope Valley (19-12)
-Santa Barbara (13-18)
at Imperial Valley (22-10)
-Valley (18-13)
at Oxnard (18-11)
-Orange Coast (11-18)
at Long Beach (27-5)

Bracket Three

-Fullerton (13-14)
at Cerritos (27-4)
-Trade Tech (18-13)
at Santa Monica (19-11)
-El Camino (11-13)
at Mt. San Jacinto (23-9)

-Glendale (13-15)
at Rancho Santiago (21-9)

Bracket Four

-Mt. San Antonio (13-14)
at Compton (25-5)
-Barstow (19-12)
at Southwestern (24-8)
-Harbor (18-14)
at Cypress (20-10)
-Palomar (12-18)
at Canyons (24-6)

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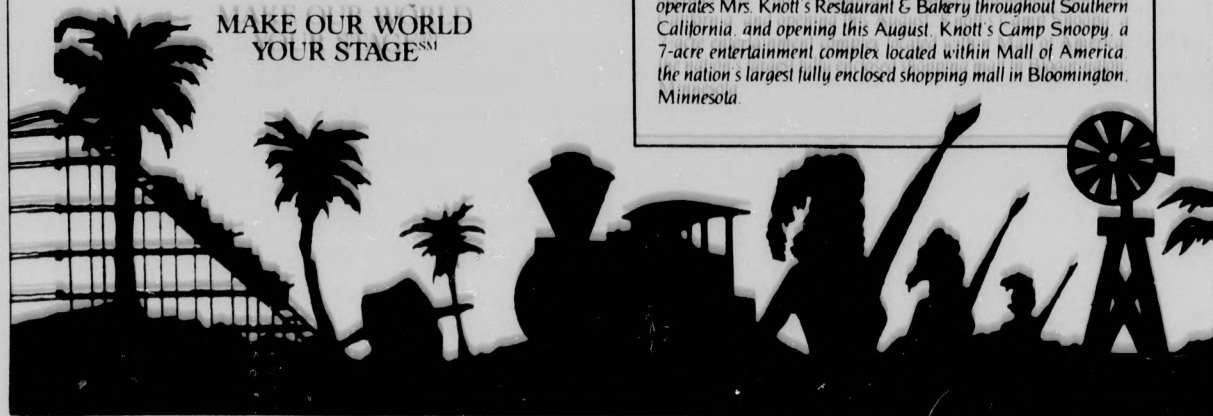
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